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"From Where I Sit"

Todd Parsley

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday A.M.:

Going The Second Mile

Matthew 5: 38-42

Sunday P.M.:

The Jerusalem Church (Part One)

Isaiah 2: 1-3

9AM and 5PM



More people it seems today question the idea of a real literal active devil, but Scripture is very clear in reminding us that Satan is real, and his goal is to draw people away from God, to thwart His purposes, and to cause division, and create discontentment. The devil is always ready to interject his ideas into our minds and lead us astray by convincing us that there will be no consequences for our sin. All you have to do is look around and you will see a world that seemingly does not believe that there will be any consequences for their lifestyles and their choices.

Satan is a liar who stands against the truth of God's Word. Yet for those of us who belong to Christ and believe His Word, it is our greatest protection against his lies. When we fill our minds with Scripture and live according to its principles, Satan's schemes lose their power over us. Satan's goal is to destroy us. If he can convince people to doubt a portion of Scripture, he can then persuade them to reject even more of it. In fact, the verses that address the area of their temptation are the first ones they begin to doubt.

Satan's biggest target is the Word of God. He wants people to rationalize themselves into disobedience by misinterpreting verses or taking them out of context to support their sinful lifestyle and sinful attitudes. Once the devil gets people to doubt the validity of any part of the Bible or to declare those parts irrelevant or outdated, he gets a stronghold on their lives from which he can cause them to sin. He's always ready to interject his ideas into our minds and lead us astray by convincing us that there will be no consequences for sin. When Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness, He always responded the same way by saying, "*It is written*," followed by a passage of Scripture (Matthew 4:1-11). God's commands are not given to keep us from something good but to protect us from the self-destruction that sin brings on us.

You can be assured that Satan is interested in persuading faithful Christians to question and doubt God's word. He is actively engaged in creating discouragement and dissatisfaction in our lives. Have you been listening to his schemes, has he drawn you into dissatisfaction with the Bible, or the Church or other brothers and sisters. Don't let Satan get a hold of your thoughts. (James 4:7,10) "*Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*" "*Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.*"

God Bless -Todd



**The Senior Group At
The Mailroom
In
Clarksville, Tennessee**



Carter's Corner



Carter Hoover

FALL IS STARTING TO MAKE IT'S ARRIVAL in our community. I know everyone is enjoying the cooler weather and looking forward to the leaves changing in just a few weeks. Fall is one of my favorite times of year for the youth group, and many great activities are planned for students of all ages. I hope you have picked up a calendar and plan to participate in our events this Fall.

IT IS HOMECOMING WEEK AT HCHS, which can only mean that it's time for our Homecoming 5th Quarter this Friday night in the Fellowship Hall. This year's theme is "HOCO GLOW," and we have many glow-themed activities for our students. I hope you invite your friends and prepare for a great night together after the game until 11:00.

I HOPE YOU ARE SAVING THE DATE for "Halloween On The Hill" on Saturday, October 28th, from 3-5 pm. This event has grown over the years into a huge day full of Fall fun at Camp Meribah. In a few short weeks, we will have sign-up sheets for trunk-or-treat cars and other volunteers needed for the event. In the meantime, mark your calendars, gather your trunk or treat decorations, start buying your Halloween candy, and help us spread the word about this fun day for our church family and community outreach.

START PREPARING FOR A WEEK OF SERVICE in November, as our youth group will participate in our first-ever "S.E.R.V.E. Week." Serve Week will take place November 11-15 and will consist of daily service opportunities for all ages in our church family, ultimately ending with our annual Friendsgiving Lighthouse. It will be a great week, and I hope you are planning to be involved.

Proverbs 21:23 puts it simply, "Watch what you say, and you'll stay out of trouble." This means that being careful with our words isn't just about avoiding problems; it's about making our lives and the lives of those around us better. Our words can either build up or tear down. When we speak thoughtlessly, we can hurt others, harm relationships, and start conflicts. But when we speak with care and kindness, we can strengthen bonds, offer support, and reflect God's love. James 3:5-6 compares the tongue to a tiny spark that can start a huge

forest fire. Similarly, a thoughtless word can cause a lot of damage. So, let's strive to follow Jesus' example. He spoke with grace, truth, and love. Let us aim to use our words to encourage, uplift, and share God's message this Week. Have a great week! In Him, Carter

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 22

**5TH QUARTER:
HOCO GLOW**

SEPTEMBER 27

LIGHTHOUSE
JOSEPH & MARSHALL
MCCAULEY

OCTOBER 4

LIGHTHOUSE
JAGGER LAWSON

OCTOBER 9-13

FALL BREAK
NO WEDNESDAY CLASS

OCTOBER 13

**5TH QUARTER:
PICKLEBALL NIGHT**
AFTER THE GAME TIL 11:00

OCTOBER 15

SR HIGH FIRESIDE
ELI JACOBS

OCTOBER 22

JR HIGH FIRESIDE
LILLIAN JENKINS

Sympathy

...We express our deepest sympathy to Delton and Barbara Mayberry at the loss of their daughter Mary Nell after a battle with cancer.

Baptisms



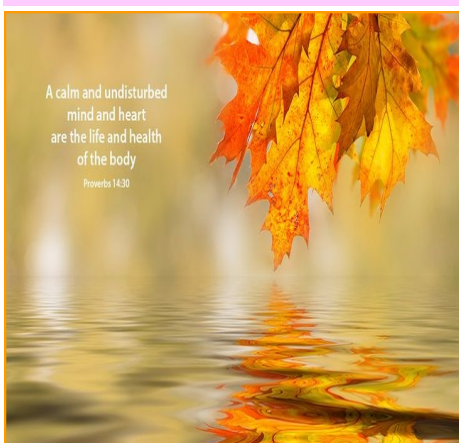
...We rejoice with Mollie Orton who was baptized Friday, September 15, 2023. Mollie is the daughter of Lee and Cassidy Orton. Mollie was baptized by her father.

...We rejoice with Shelby Walker and Rayne Johnson who were baptized September 16, 2023 by members of the Jail Ministry.



A Bridal Shower!

You are invited to a Bridal Shower for
Camryn Qualls,
Bride elect of Jake Martin,
Sunday, September 24, 2023
at the Outreach Center
from 1-3 P.M.
Jake and Camryn are registered at
theknot.com



A calm and undisturbed
mind and heart
are the life and health
of the body
Proverbs 14:30

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

September 20, 2023

\$ 14,317.15

Camp: \$ 109.00

Budget: \$13,989.00

Thank You

Ken & Debbie Jenkins write:

"Thank you for all the prayers and every act of care & concern for our family after Ken's accident. He received numerous cards making "mail time" the highlight of his day! We are humbled by the kindness. With love..."

Doug & Billie Sue True write: "Dear Church Family, We are so fortunate to have friends like you. Thanks for all the cards, food, calls and prayers during our illnesses and surgeries, and the death of our brother Don True. We hope to get back to church soon."

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Sally Chessor by the following: Dr. Jerry & Marilyn Nash, Ken & Tina Dickerson.

Area Events...

...The National Banana Pudding Festival needs you! Many kinds of work to do. Sign up for one shift or all of them. Unique volunteer T-shirt provided.

Good people, good fun, good

cause. BananaPuddingFest.org/pages/volunteers
2023 Volunteer Shifts Saturday
Oct 7 8:30 am - 2:00 pm 1:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Sunday Oct 8 11:30 am - 5:30pm



Please Pray For:

...Candice Scott has requested your prayers as she is undergoing tests for serious health problems.

...Charles Horner is recovering from surgery and will have another surgery mid to late October.

...Reba Horner is having a hard time as she deals with serious health problems.

...Woody Woodruff returned home Tuesday.

...Don Chessor will be having surgery for a torn rotator cuff and bicep on Tuesday, September 26th.

...Tommy Buchanan, father of Chris (Lea Ann), Buchanan, is in Richland Place for a few days.

...Lonnie Gilliam is recovering at home.

...Joe VanDyke is recovering from emergency surgery and appreciates prayers.

...Robert Bryant is in St. Thomas Mid-Town for tests.

...Dina Torres, mother of Becky Mears, is undergoing tests.

Recovering from surgery or other illness:

Angelica Essery, Juanita King, Baker Raye Jennings, Larry King, Freddie Bowman, Martha Leath, Ophelia Gilbert, Jenny Teet, Shirley Foster, David King, Larry King, Ken Jenkins, Martha Ann Scaife, Randy Hammer, Mark Vaughn, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

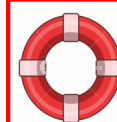
Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Nina Dickey, Andrew Parris, Joe VanDyke, Lynn Pigue, Becky O'Guin Carroll, Jimmy Mayberry, Rachel Watts, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves

Home: Martha Leath, Gerald McFarlin, Glenda Teet, Janet Barber, Loudean Qualls, Dorris & Margie Claud, Troy Parks, John Thomas & Wanda Givens, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, Martha Weber, Billy Garner

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Frances McClanahan, Gary Yates, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Ermadean Hickerson, Francis Qualls, Katherine Hoover, Larry Talley, Betty Davis

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:
Tim Blackwell



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Message**
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Congratulations Town of Centerville

200TH ANNIVERSARY

♦ We are blessed to share the Gospel and serve our community for 153 years.



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PLACE
STAMP
HERE



The Shepherd's Pen

The weather over the last several days has been wonderful. The milder temperatures during the day and the cooler nights remind us fall is closely approaching. *"He changes the times and the seasons."* (Daniel 2:21) The Bible speaks of the place called Golgotha in Matthew 27:33, Mark 15:22, and John 19:22. Golgotha, the smallest hill in Jerusalem, is not included in the list of hills that surround the city of Jerusalem. But to us Golgotha is the grandest and most meaningful of all the hills on the face of the earth. On that hill were three crosses, but they were different from each other as night from a sunny day. The cross in the center is the focal point because of the man hanging there. He is holy and righteous. Pilate testified that he finds no fault in Him. A Roman officer says, *"Certainly this was a righteous Man!"* (Luke 23:47) It was our cross that He hangs on. He bears our guilt, sin, and punishment on the cross. Jesus died on your cross and vindicated you. We were redeemed from the guilt of all our sin forever and ever. There we receive salvation, forgiveness, and redemption. Let us kneel at the cross. The cross is the gate to our city of refuge which is eternal life. Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.

Your Elders

Prayer Week of September 24

S.M.W.
Randy Wright

S.M.D.
Cory Martin

S.E.W.
Jim Prince

S.E.D.
Joey Hunt

W.E.B.S
George Simmons

W.E.D.
Aden Weber

Scripture September 24 Wyatt Aydelott

Prepare Communion September 24

George & Cindy Garland

Preside September 24

Garth Richardson

Elder's Prayer:

September 24
Craig Shelton

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